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IOWA FEDERATION OF ANIMAL OWNERS

PLEASE READ!!!!!!!!!!!!!! *****
IMPORTANT*****

Iowa update. IFED is currently working on legislative issues before the Iowa General Assembly. HF 30 is a bill that would change the Iowa Code dealing with the exemption of USDA licensed breeders from state inspection and state kennel regulations. Whether you are USDA, STATE, or not licensed at all this bill will have negative effects on your business. We are currently working with our lobbyist to modify this bill with amendments to minimize its effect on the breeding industry in Iowa. It is an uphill battle as we are fighting the Animal Rights people and their ability to shed a negative light on our business. Please take the time to find out who your State Representative and Senator are, make a note of their contact information, and be prepared to contact them if needed in the next few days. To find your State Representative and State Senator and their contact information go to www.legis.state.ia.us/index. Make a note of that information, as we will be sending out a future email when we would request that you contact them. If you are interested in protecting your investment and your right to conduct business please PAY HEED to this message. Your right to do business in the State of Iowa is in JEOPARDY.

Last week in Southern Missouri the Missouri Humane Society raided and confiscated dogs in 4 separate facilities. We are not in a position to defend those facilities, having never seen them, however we need to defend their constitutional rights of due process. Last week in Eastern Iowa an Animal Rights woman illegally gained access to a kennel facility without permission, she also visited other Kennels in the Area. She was wanting to ADOPT retired dogs. This woman is from a shelter in Washington Ia. Please be extremely cautious. Remember without a search warrant you do not have to allow access to your facilities by anyone except your State or USDA inspector. HSUS (humane society of the united states) currently has legislation proposed in 34 states. Many of these proposed state laws have to do with limiting the number of dogs that you can own, anywhere from 25 to 250 or the number of puppies or kittens you could sell per year. *

We suggest that you all take a hard look at your own operation, be sure your facilities are clean, in good repair and your animals well taken care of. If any of you know of someone who may possibly need help, either contact us or lend them a hand. Everyone raising puppies will be a target, don't put a bullseye on your back.

We continue to fight this battle on behalf of the pet breeders here in Iowa. We need your help. It takes funds to hire a lobbyist, to travel and lobby on your behalf, office expenses etc. A few loyal supporters in this State and Iowa Pet Breeders Association along with organizations like APRI, AVID Microchips and Avenue Vet Supply to name a few have continually helped to fund us. THINK ABOUT sending a financial contribution to Help Keep You In Business.

Feel free to call if you have questions or if you have been the target of any Animal Rights Activists.

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